

In the Specification

Page 1, line 20 – page 2, line 11, rewrite as follows:

---- The current practice in façade construction is described in U.S. Patent No. ~~4,481,868~~ 4,581,868 to McCann, which is incorporated herein by reference, discloses mechanically fastening sections of glass panels to the supports of a building. That patented glass assembly comprises a planar array of sealed multiple glazing units each comprising two opposed spaced sheets with a seal between the sheets defining a sealed gas space, which units are secured to supporting members with the outer surface of the units sealed edge- to-edge, at least some of the units being secured to the supporting members by a mechanical fixing passing through the outer sheets of the units outside the seals of the units. In a preferred embodiment each unit is a multiple glazing unit which is secured to the supporting member by bolts whose heads are countersunk into holes countersunk in the outer face of the unit outside of the seal of the unit. The outer surface of the outside sheet of the glazing unit is protected against destructive stress cracks by cushioning with bushings and washers placed between the bolt and the glazing surfaces. The bushings and washers prevent glass-to-metal contact and prevent damage to the glazing sheets.